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A friend of mine who was a doctor in the ROK Army was taken prisoner by the North Korean Army during the Korean War, and, like many other ROK Army doctors, who were captured, was forced to perform medical services for the North Korean Army. He was one of about 30 ROK Army doctors working for the North Koreans. He was repatriated during one of the prisoner exchanges in the summer of 1953, and he said that the reason given to him by the North Korean Communists for his repatriation was that his father was a capitalist and they couldn't tolerate such a person in their midst. His father, who was a wealthy South Korean, was kidnapped by the North Koreans, and I do not know what ever became of him. The son said that conditions in North Korea were terrible -- medically and every other way. He said that everything had been bombed out by the UN forces, and there was hardly anything left of North Korea. As far as I know, the other ROK Army doctors who were being held where my friend was are still being held.

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